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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a submission accompanying an RCE and serves as a response to the Office Action issued August 2, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE		ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	32	MINUS	36	* =	0	X	($25 SE or $50)	$	0.00
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	($180 SE or $360)	$	0.00

* not less than 20 ** not less than 3 TOTAL $ 0.00

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ___ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.

2. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.

3. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.

4. _√_ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.